(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of States where these are located; and

(c) by when these are likely to be provided with drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) All States/Union Territories were requested to carry out a fresh survey of status of drinking water in rural habitations. The results of the survey are still awaited as the data is processed and computerised. Details of the newly identified 'no source' villages/habitations will become available after the final results of the survey are made available.

(c) All uncovered/partially covered habitations are likely to be provided safe drinking water facilities by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Ranking of Air India amongst International Airlines

*79. SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that Air India has been placed as one of the lowest ranking international airlines in the world;

(b) if so, whether any study has been ordered to probe into the reasons which made Air India to loose its image abroad; and

(c) what corrective steps Government propose to take to set things right?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) An agency named In-Flight Research Services of London recently conducted a survey of the product and services in the First class of 31 airlines and the ranking given to Air India by this agency was 31. Air India has reported that it was approached by this agency in October, 1992 to participate in an airline survey seeking a financial contribution which Air India had declined. While a conclusion on the results of the survey can objectively be drawn after receipt of details which are awaited by Air India, Government have asked Air India to intensify efforts to improve its services to passengers on ground and upgrade the quality of its in-flight services.

Sick Industrial Units in Bihar

*80. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that thousands of small scale industries in Bihar are sick and need to be revived; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to revive these sick industrial units in Bihar and elsewhere in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. according to the Reserve Bank of India as at the end of March, 1992, the number of sick small scale industrial units in Bihar was 7,823, out of which only 368 units have been found as potentially viable.

(b) Small scale industrial units become sick for variety of reasons. Important reasons are listed below:—

— Managerial
— Technological
— Marketing
— Infra-structural
— Financial

Both Central and State Government take measures for revival of sick units. These are as under:—

(1) To take care of the managerial problems, Government run training programmes for entrepreneurship development; organise workshops, hold clinics, etc

(2) To take care of the technological problems, Government has been providing inspection of the units by technical officers, workshop facilities through SISIs, testing facilities and other technical guidance and assistance through Regional Testing Centres, Tool Rooms and Product-cum-Process Development Centres.

(3) To take care of the marketing problem, Central Government provides marketing support through price preference, purchase preference in the Government Purchase Programme, marketing support through National Small Industries Corporation. State Governments provide marketing support through State Small Industries Development Corporation.

(4) Provision of infrastructural support is the responsibility of the State Governments